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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of RICONO et al. )  
 Serial No. 09/905,719 ) Group Art Unit: 3725  
 Filed: May 16, 2002 ) Examiner: SELF, SHELLEY M.  
 For: PENCIL SHARPENER WITH RIBBED STRUCTURE

**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

**Dear Madam:**

Please consider the following Response for the above-referenced Application.

## A) INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Response is being submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated June 14, 2004. By the Final Office Action, claims 22-42 and 45-47 were pending, with claims 24, 25, 27-41 and 46 allowed, and claims 22, 23, 26, 42, 45 and 47 rejected. By this amendment, claims 22, 23, 26, 42, 45 and 47 are canceled, placing the Application in condition for allowance.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this Amendment.  
**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 3 of this Amendment.  
**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 4 of this Amendment.  
**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this Amendment.